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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads,
Nonpublic School Administrators and Principals
Route To: High School Principals
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2020-2021 School Year Advanced Placement Test Fee (APTF) Program

In the 2020-2021 school year, the Advanced Placement (AP) test fee will be offset with support from the College Board and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), for students enrolled in an AP class and who qualify as low-income. A low-income student is defined as, an individual who is determined by the local educational agency (LEA) to be a child, age 5 through 19, from a low-income family based on eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches under the *National School Lunch Act*.

College Board Fee Reduction: This year, the College Board is charging a \$95 fee per AP exam, except for AP Seminar Exams and AP Research Exams. College Board's standard fee the 2021 AP Seminar Exam and the AP Research Exam is \$143 per exam. Schools will be expected to forgo their \$9 rebate per exam. College Board provides a \$33 fee reduction per exam for eligible students with financial need (College Board AP Exam fee reduction).

NJDOE Contribution: In addition, for all students that qualify, the NJDOE will provide a \$20 contribution towards the remaining balance of the test fee (including AP Capstone).

Other Federal Funding Sources (Title I-A, Title IV-A): Finally, under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), districts are permitted to dedicate a portion of the Title I, Part A and/or Title IV, Part A funding they receive to defray the cost of AP and other advanced course or industry credential exams taken by low-income students. For more information of allowable uses of funds, refer to the NJDOE's [ESEA District Guide](#).

If intending to use Title I, Part A or Title IV, Part A funds for this purpose, districts must ensure such costs are supported by their needs assessment and reflected in the budget section of their 2020-2021 ESEA Consolidated Application in the NJDOE's Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff. If you have questions regarding the Advanced Placement Test Fee program, contact Shubha Bhalerao at APexams@doe.nj.gov.

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